

INTERACTIVE INFORMATION AGGREGATOR FOR AN INTERACTIVE
TELEVISION SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 An interactive information aggregator is provided for off-broadcast
access to trigger information, which can include interactive television triggers,
accompanying content and data, network addresses. The aggregator can be
implemented in an interactive television system so as to perform real-time capture
and aggregation of trigger information through cooperation with content providers,
use of a network of collection devices deployed in the interactive television system,
or generation of trigger information by third-party entities. The aggregated
15 information can then be made available to ancillary devices used by viewers,
independently of being provided to a set top box and television. For instance, the
aggregated information can be provided to ancillary devices that do not have direct
access or capability to process television broadcast signals. This provides users of
the ancillary devices with the capability to participate in an interactive television
20 experience where they would otherwise not have such interactive capability.

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